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SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE

1. LT. COLONEL EFRAIIIIN LISANDRO GONZALEZ MUNOZ WAS SWORN
IN BY CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR ON JUNE 30 AS THE NEW MINISTER
OF INFORMATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE. THE NEW MINISTRY WAS

CREATED

BY DECREE NO. 234. PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF THE
MINISTRY, THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF
INFORMATION, TOURISM AND CULTURE WERE HANDLED BY A VARIETY
OF AGENCIES. HOPEFULLY, THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL EXERCISE
MORE CONTROL AND COORDINATION OVER THOSE AREAS, PARTICULARLY
IN THE
AREA OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. ONE OF THE LONG-TIME
FAILINGS OF PAST HONDURAN REGIMES HAS BEEN THE LACK OF AN

OVERALL ORGANIZATION TO DEAL WITH THE INFORMATION AND
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

ASPECTS OF GOVERNMENT.

2. GONZALEZ WAS BORN ON MAY 15,
1936 IN TEGUCIGALPA. HE

GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE FROM THE LASALLE INSTITUTE IN 1954
AND ATTENDED MILITARY COURSES IN BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA.
HE WAS CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE
ARMED FORCES BEFORE HE BECAME SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE FRANCISCO

MORAZAN MILITARY ACADEMY. HE WAS NAMED VICE-MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE ON FEBRUARY 27, 1975,

AND HELD THAT POSITION UNTIL NAMED TO HEAD THE NEW MINISTRY.

3. THE EMBASSY

UNDERSTANDS THAT HE IS A RECEPTIVE AND

INTELLIGENT OFFICER. APPARENTLY, HE DID A VERY GOOD JOB
WHILE ACTING AS CHIEF OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE ARMED
FORCES.
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